(b) if so, what are the reasons therefor; and

(c) whether Government propose to conduct any independent enquiry into the matter and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI K.R. NARAYANAN): (a) and (b) One security guard was recalled by the Ministry because of serious breach of security, dereliction of duty and moral turpitude, despite repeated cautioning.

(c) Does not arise.

Firing Between Indian and Pakistani Troops in Poonch and Rajouri Sectors

1190. SHRI SYED AHMAD HASHMI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there had been intermittent exchange of fire between Indian and Pakistani troops across the line of control in Poonch and Rajouri Sectors in Jammu and Kashmir during the months of August, September and October, and the 1st week of November, 1985;

(b) if so, what is the number of such incidents so far in 1985 and the number of persons killed or injured in these incidents; and

(c) what is Government's reaction in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENCE RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ARUN SINGH): (a) and (b) There have been some cases of exchange of fire between Indian and Pakistani troops across the Line of Control in Poonch sector this year. There has, however, been no such incident in the Rajouri sector.

There has been no casualty amongst our troops in incidents in Poonch sector.

(c) Government keep a close watch on all developments having a bearing on our security with a view to taking appropriate measures to ensure full defence preparedness.

State of readiness of Pakistani troops on the Indo-Pak border

1191. SHRI B. SATYANARAYAN REDDY: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to recent press reports regarding the intelligence reports to the effect that Pakistan has alerted its troops on the Indo-Pak borders to be in a State of readiness and has cancelled leave of all army personnel, besides taking some other measures in this direction; and

(b) if so, what is Government's reaction to these development and the steps taken by Government in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENCE RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ARUN SINGH): (a) and (b) Government have seen the news report in question. However, there is no information about any unusual activity by the Pakistani troops on the Indo-Pak border. It is know that Pakistani troops carry out their winter training exercises and leave of personnel is generally curtailed for this purpose.

Government keep all developments having a bearing on our security under watch and take appropriate measures to ensure full defence preparedness.